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# Advisory Circular

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Subject: ANNOUNCEMENT OF **AVAILABILITY:**  
Commercial Pilot Practical Test Standards:  
FAA-S-8081-18 and FAA-S-8081-12A

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**1. PURPOSE.** This advisory circular announces the availability of FAA-S-8081-18, Commercial Pilot Practical Test Standards for Lighter-Than-Air, and **FAA-S-8081-12A**, Commercial Pilot Practical Test Standards for Airplane; and provides information on obtaining printed copies or electronic access of these documents.

**2. BACKGROUND.** Previous editions of the Commercial Pilot Practical Test Standards have incorporated all aircraft categories in one book. The first category to be issued separately was the airplane, followed by the **rotorcraft**. FAA-S-808 1- 18 presents the lighter-than-air (balloon/airship) practical test standards and replaces **ONLY** the lighter-than-air portion of FAA-S-8081-2, Commercial Pilot Practical Test Standards, dated September 1988. The glider practical test standards will be revised and published as a separate book.

**3. GENERAL.** The Commercial Pilot Practical Test Standards for Lighter-Than-Air has been published by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to establish the standards for commercial pilot certification practical tests for the lighter-than-air category, balloon and airship classes. The Commercial Pilot Practical Test Standards for Airplane establishes the standards for commercial pilot certification practical tests for airplane (single-engine land, multiengine land, single-engine sea, and multiengine sea). FAA inspectors and designated examiners shall conduct practical tests in compliance with these standards. Instructors and applicants should find these standards helpful during training and when preparing for the practical test.

**4. HOW TO ORDER PRINTED COPIES.** Printed copies of FAA-S-8081-18 and FAA-S-8081-12A may be obtained from:

New Orders  
Superintendent of Documents  
P.O. Box 371954  
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954

When ordering, make check or money order payable to "Superintendent of Documents." **MasterCard** or VISA credit cards may also be used. For your convenience, a copy of the Superintendent of Documents Publications Order Form is attached. In addition, orders may be placed at U.S. Government Printing **Office** bookstores located in major cities throughout the United States. Specify:

Title: Commercial Pilot Practical Test Standards for Lighter-Than-Air (Balloon/Airship)  
Identification: FAA-S-8081- 18  
Stock Number: 050-007-01158-0  
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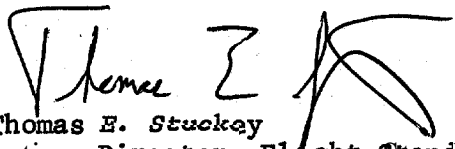
Title: Commercial Pilot Practical Test Standards for Airplane

Identification: FAA-S-808 1-12A

Stock Number: **050-007-01162-8**

Price: \$10.00

5. HOW TO **OBTAIN ELECTRONICALLY**. FAA-S-8081-18 and FAA-S-8081-12A may be accessed through the **FedWorld** Information System by computer modem at 703-321-3339. They may also be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.fedworld.gov/pub/faa-att/faa-att.htm>. This address goes to the index of training and testing files in the **FAA-ATT** Library on **FedWorld**. Subsequent changes to these standards, in accordance with AC 60-27, Announcement of Availability: Changes to **Practical** Test Standards, will be available through **FedWorld** and then later incorporated into a printed revision.



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